

'Little League Season Upon Us'

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Queen and Her Maids

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A group of girls from a "gym class" at Rolling Hills High School gathered around the P.E. instructor for a helping hand in softball.

The teacher carefully placed the young freshman's body and hands in position to make the first pitch. The student went through all the motions and whipped the ball on a streak towards home plate.



QUEEN ROSIE

The team is the product of the Rolling Hills Kids Klub instituted by her father, Royal Beaird, in 1963. Among other things, the Kids Klub had a softball team and Rosie was the pitcher.

Rosie had a natural talent for pitching. Her father, coach, a performer player, knew enough about softball to help the young girl improve her techniques. At the age of 10 when she first started pitching, Rosie displayed an immediate skill for the game.

For three years Royal Beaird has been in the business of promoting his family team. Eileen, 12, is fast following in the footsteps of Rosie, and Karen, 10, is a lively little substitute.

The girls take their softball seriously. Rosie wants to make a career of pitching with the team. Although regarded one of a kind as a softball pitcher, she is not expected to reach her peak until about age of 23, according to her father.

Whereas most teen-age girls get carried away with boyfriends at the age of 15, Rosie says the boys she usually meets are on the ball diamond. After she pitches to them, they don't want anything else to do with her, she claims.

Rosie is about 5-foot, 4 1/2-inches and 110 pounds. She is the kind of person youngsters would flock to for storybook reading time. She has a lot of class.

But the ones continually charmed by Rosie are softball fans who attend the shows put on by the "Queen and Her Maids." She can throw 16 different pitches. She can fire the ball blindfolded, in a kneeling position, and from second base.

Rosie says the biggest thrill of her young career was the pitching demonstration she put on in the Houston Astrodome last year. She will perform at other major league ball parks, including Anaheim Stadium, this summer.

The Beaird family travels in a station wagon, arranging games at 50 to 100-mile intervals. They board at motels and with sponsoring families throughout the junket. Rosie and Eileen say they enjoy the traveling a great deal. Their opposition usually consists of organized adult teams, championship junior teams, and makeup teams.

The first game of 1967 for the "Queen and Her Maids" will be at Tordondo Little League Field Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Outstanding Little League umpires of the area, using nine men on the diamond, will oppose the "four-girl" attraction.

This is one time the players will wish they had stuck to umpiring!

Kerr Chosen Coach of Year

John (Red) Kerr, who led the Chicago Bulls to a playoff berth in the NBA's Western Division race in their first season of operation, was named "Coach of the Year" in the fifth annual poll of selected writers covering the NBA games.

Kerr, who only last year finished his playing career as a substitute center for the Baltimore Bullets, was named the winner with 17 votes in the balloting of the 30-man committee, three men from each franchise city. Only two other coaches received support in the poll. They were Alex Hannum of Philadelphia, with 11 votes and Bill Shar-

Umpires To Face 4 Girls

Playing four young girls against a 9-man softball team doesn't seem very fair, especially when the men are all umpires!

But, Sunday at Tordondo Little League Field in Torrance, the Queen and Her Maids make their 1967 barnstorming debut with 15-year-old Rosie Beaird doing the pitching.

Backed up by a comic catcher and two kid fielders, Rosie must rely on strikeouts. She has a repertoire of 16 pitches, including blindfolded, kneeling, and throwing from second base. She has a 3-year strikeout mark of 3,180.

Testing his skills with the Little League umpires will be Tom Lester who plays the role of the hired hand on the TV show, "Green Acres."

Making her debut as a "Maid" is Jill Brunette, a 14-year-old freshman from Long Beach Woodrow Wilson High School, who plays shortstop. Eileen Beaird, 12, handles first base and right field side of the diamond.

Catching for Rosie is "Lotta Chatter," a 13-year-old clown performer. Used as a substitute is 10-year-old Karen Beaird.

The umpires organized by Bob Hultgren are Ed Farrar, John Gentile, Dave Drolet, Red Allen, Carl Bose, Charley Fick, Ed Shober, John Glanville, Bob Pipkin, Joe Zeller, and Dan Hanson.

Tordondo Field is at 5417 Hallison St., one-half block west of Entradero St.

Cooke Gets Wolves for Soccer Tour

Young, fast and aggressive. That's the way the Wolverhampton Wanderers (The Wolves) are regarded in English Soccer. And the famed "Wolves" are coming here to represent Jack Kent Cooke's Los Angeles club in the United Soccer Association Tour League this summer.

The records prove the Wolves are really quite a club. General Manager Ed Fitkin said.

They scored 72 goals in 34 games. This wide-open type of game has enabled the Wolves to win 20 and tie 7 of those games. Recently Everton Manager Harry Catterick commented, "This is the best Wolves team I've seen in a long time."

One of England's long-famed clubs, Wolverhampton will replace America of Mexico City as the Los Angeles representative.

Jack Kent Cooke has decided to adopt Wolves as the Los Angeles club's nickname. Formerly they were the Zorros and Americans.

The Wolves will play their first game as L.A.'s representative at the Astrodome in Houston against Bangu of Brazil on Saturday, May 27.

Their first home game at the Coliseum will be Sunday, June 4, against Cerro of Montevideo, Uruguay, representing New York.

The Wolves 1967 USA schedule at home is: June 4 - New York (Cerro Uruguay); June 14 - Vancouver (Sunderland of England); June 18 - Detroit (Gentiana of Belgium); June 25 - Boston (Shamrock Rovers of Dublin); June 29 - San Francisco (A.D.O. of Holland); July 6 - Chicago (Cagliari of Italy). The traveling schedule is: May 27 - Houston (Bangu of Brazil); June 7 - Cleveland (Stoke City of England); June 11 - Toronto (Hibernians of Scotland); June 20 - Washington (Aberdeen of Scotland); June 28 - San Francisco (A.D.O. of Holland); July 8 - Dallas (Dundee United of Scotland).

Metro Baseball

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., PB. Rows include Carrizo, El Camino, Bakersfield, Long Beach, Santa Monica, Valley, Rio Honda, East L.A.

Little League Baseball will hold its 1967 Western Regional Tournament at Sportsman's Tidewater Field in Inglewood, Dick Truhan, District 37 Administrator for Little League, has announced.

Four division champions from the 13 Far West states will compete in the playoffs. The winner will qualify for the Little League World Series.

The regional tournament will be Aug. 17, 18 and 19 at

Tidewater Field, one of the showcase Little League facilities of the nation.

Albert E. Houghton, Western Regional coordinator from Williamsport, Pa., said headquarters was delighted to distinguish those responsible for Tidewater Field by assigning the Western Region to them.

Truhan, the director of the event, said bleachers will be provided to handle 3,500 spectators. His committees will al-

so be responsible for housing, feeding and entertaining the four participating teams. Together with special events, a 6-day itinerary has been outlined. The 1964 Western Regional was held in Torrance.

Those given assignments are Jack Schroeder, Dick Box, Henry Burke, Howard Waye, Jack Dorin, Ron Pollard, Art Parsons, Bill Gault and Bob Luxton.

Truhan said a tentative

budget of \$5,000 would be required for the tournament. It does not include transportation absorbed by the Western Regional Fund.

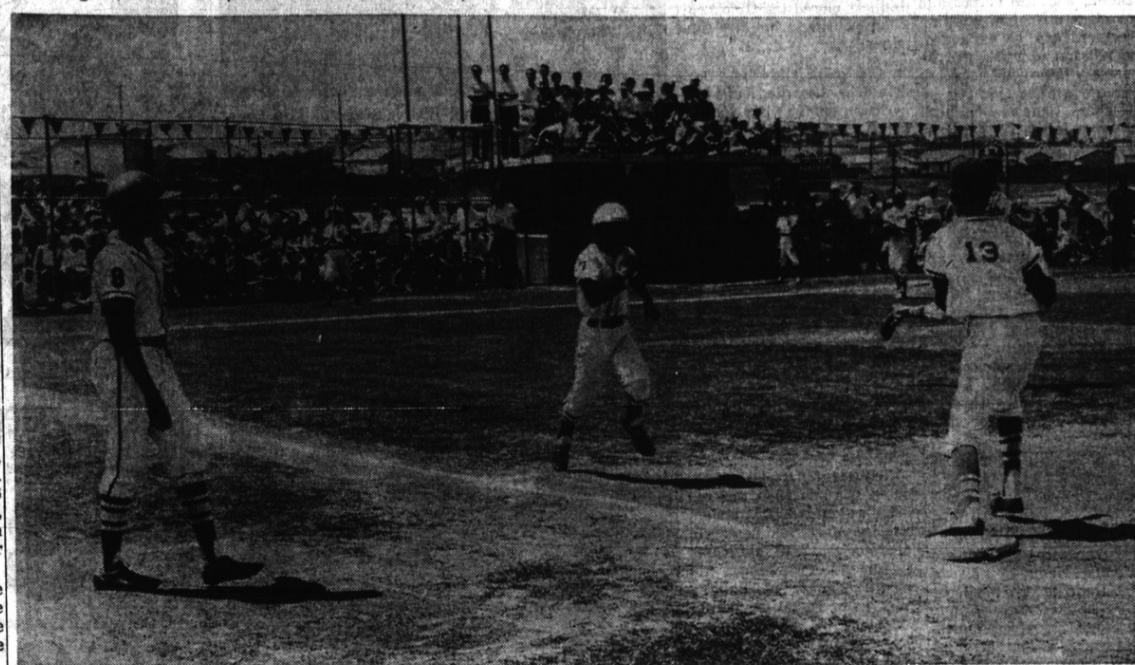
The Little League World Series will be Aug. 22-26 at Williamsport, Pa.

The California southern division tournament will be Aug. 10-12 at Montclair. Sectional tournaments will be at Compton, San Diego, Glendale and San Bernardino the week of July 31 to Aug. 5.

The sub-sectional game between the champions of District 26 and 27 will be July 31 at Rolling Hills, the site of the District 26 playoffs.

The Little League baseball season will be launched Saturday by Riviera Little League of Torrance and Sunset Little League of Redondo.

The bulk of opening day activities takes place the weekend of April 22-23 and 29-30 when daylight saving's time goes into effect.



THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN... With spring in the air, almost 200 Little League major and minor teams are working out in anticipation of opening day. Nine leagues in Torrance will go through a 10-week season commencing the next three weekends. The season will culminate in July with tournament playoffs among outstanding players from each league. (Press-Herald Photo by Mike Eggers)

Cycles Try It Again On Friday

Prevented by rain last weekend, the 1967 Southern California motorcycle racing campaign will get off to a belated start at Ascot Park in Gardena, Friday night. Post time for the first race is 8:15. Trials start at 7 p.m.

Managing Director J. C. Agajanian reports the largest flat-track entry list in southern history—a total of 120 riders. The field includes most of the "name" stars of the two-wheeled racing world.

Sammy Tanner, the veteran "Flying Flea" from Long Beach, is back as he starts a drive toward an unprecedented Pacific Coast title. There's no question Sammy is the world's premier handlebar jockey on tracks such as the half-mile plant at 183rd and Vermont Avenue.

But the contention grows ever tougher. Among those who challenge Friday night are Mert Lawwill, of San Francisco, Gene Romero of San Luis Obispo, Ralph White of Torrance, Dan Haaby of Lawndale, Chris Draaver of Salt Lake City.

Also Elliott Schultz, Southgate; Mel Lacher, San Diego; Rich Thorwaldson, L.A.; and Chuck Jones, Arcadia, will compete.

Friday Track

North at Santa Monica. South at Hawthorne. Murphy at Montgomery. Lennox at West. Rolling Hills at Torrance.

Partyboat Anglers Land Record Catches

More partyboat anglers were logged in 1966 than in any other year on record, according to a report on the statewide California partyboat fleet for 1966.

After checking the log reports of 458 partyboat operators out of ports from San Diego to Crescent City, the Department of Fish and Game reported in 1966 some 857,000 partyboat anglers landed 5,408,420 sportfish, averaging 6.3 fish per angler.

Rockfish were tops with 1,688,718, the highest catch for this group since 1956. Landings of kelp and sand bass set an all-time record with 1,278,939 fish, nosing out 1965 by 48,626 fish.

Skippers also logged increases over 1965 in catches of barracuda (892,697), yellowtail (80,163) salmon (70,151) and striped bass (44,869).

MORE GAMES POSTPONED BY SCHOOLS

Tuesday's prep baseball schedule was washed out for the second straight week.

Among key games postponed were the North High-South High game at North Field and the Beverly Hills-Torrance game at Torrance Park. The Torrance High game was rescheduled for today.

West High was scheduled to play at Aviation yesterday.

Bishop Montgomery High's game against St. Monica's was originally scheduled for today.

Montgomery leads the Camino Real with a 6-0 record. The Knights play at Fernin Lasuen's diamond Friday.

Torrance High is one-up on Rolling Hills and Beverly Hills in the Sky League race.

Commissioner Appointed

Governor Ronald Reagan has appointed C. Ransom Pearman, Huntington Park bank executive, to the California Fish and Game Commission.

Pearman, 66, who resides in San Gabriel, succeeds Commissioner Dante J. Nomellini of Stockton, whose term expired. The appointment is for a six-year term ending January 15, 1973.

Nine Top Drivers To Clash

Nine of the top 12 midget race pilots will compete in the United States Auto Club meet at Ascot Park Saturday night, Managing Director J. C. Agajanian reports.

The lineup is headed by Mike McGreevy, the 1966 national champion. McGreevy, along with Bob Tattersall, just returned from a successful tour of Australia and New Zealand tracks.

Mel Kenyon, who placed second in the U.S. standings, also is in the field as is Don Meacham, the third-place finisher last season.

Others ranked among the top dozen who will race are George Benson, Tom Sellberg, Les Scott, Chuck Arnold and Bill Vukovich Jr.

Vukovich, who is ranked among the fine racing prospects in the nation, is one of three sons of famous racing fathers who will participate.

Others are Gary Bettenhausen and Johnny Parsons Jr., son of the 1950 Indianapolis winner.

Many of the drivers will use the Ascot chase, conducted over the fast half-mile strip, as a tune-up before they head for "Indy" and the big money.

Bay League

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Camino Real

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Pioneer League

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., PB. Rows include El Segundo, Aviation, Lawndale, West Torrance, Lennox.

Sky League

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Legion Ball Club Planned for West

A drive to create a Junior Legion baseball team for ball players at West High School has been launched by Ralph Hogue. His team will enter the Pacific League during the summer.

To help defray the cost of uniforming the team, Hogue said prospective players will hold a car wash April 22 at the Richfield station, Torrance and Victor St.

Coch Max Lomas of West is helping Hogue coordinate the preliminary plans for the team.

Hogue said financing of a team of this type runs up to \$1,000. He said about \$300 is needed to attain the goal.

Players who have indicated an interest in the team are John Black, Gary Swanson, Alan Coward, Mike Menth, Steve Waggoner, Chuck Farrah, Paul Johnson, Joel Hons, Skip Hogue, Jim Mullins, Gary Kendrick, Gary Hulse, Jerry Turco, and Glen Males.

Paul Jones To Compete

Track record holder Dick Zimmerman of Buena Park will be favored to win top honors Saturday night, when the California Racing Association stages a championship Sprint Car race at the new San Gabriel Valley Speedway.

Facing Zimmerman will be some of the best racing drivers in the nation, like Par-nelli's brother Paul Jones of Torrance, Jay East of Colton, former CRA champion Jack Brunner of Gardena.

The contingent includes the Quita Dude and the four-year-old Bobillard, a son of the famous Bold Ruler. Running Rhythm, Three Quarters, Gen. Bullmoose and Space Ruler, all handy members of the three-year-old division.

Thoroughbreds Arrive at Hollywood Park

The talent-laden stable of Trainer Jim Nazworthy, which includes the horses of owner-breeder Travis M. Kerr and Sidney Factor, has arrived 36-strong at Hollywood Park for the 55-day thoroughbred meeting opening May 10.

Nazworthy, runner-up to Charley Whittingham in the Santa Anita trainers' standings with 18 victories, has a number of promising 2-year-olds for the training season among the newcomers.

Stakes-winning grass specialist, Gamin, and the highly-regarded Argentine-bred mare Pixy Gal II, a winner at the Arcadia session and runner-up in a division of the Santa Barbara Handicap, will perform at Inglewood.

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J. C. Agajanian is on the right track with some of the top names in racing when they try out the Midget action on the 1/2 mile track at Ascot Park in Gardena during the running of the 50 lap USAC National Championship Night Race - Saturday night, April 15.